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Dear Mr. Whitten:

I have several suggestions and questions in regard to the administration of the Pot Creek water.

First I would like to complement the Utah Water Officials in their cooperation and the manner in which they handle the administration of Pot Creek, they do a very commendable job.

In discussing the problems with the Colorado Water Users and in inspecting the area I have found several things that seem to me should be discussed and possibly changed.

1. One thing is the May 1st period of use set for Colorado Water on the Priority Schedule. According to the Colorado Water Users this is not realistic with conditions on the lower reaches of Pot Creek most springs and should possibly be set earlier.
2. Reservoirs owned and used by Colorado Water Users, being prior in use to the Mat Werner Reservoir, are not even listed on the Priority Schedule. These are Mr. Karren's Miles Reservoirs & the Massey Bros. Oldfield Reservoir.
3. The outlet pipe in the Mat Werner Reservoir is not adequate to release the Prior Rights and Creek flow that should go to the Crouse Reservoir and Water Rights down stream. This means the rights must be stored and released at a later date which make it virtually impossible for a Water Official to properly administer the water.
4. Division of the water is made at the headwaters of Pot Creek. This may be the only practical method however it makes the lower rights stand all the creek transportation losses as well as evaporation losses while their water is stored in the upper reservoirs.
5. In the payment for the administration of the water, it would appear to me that it might be better if the State of Colorado paid on the same basis as the Utah Water Users. That is by the amount of water delivered the

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per year. This would not cost the State of Utah any-  
more but would make the cost to Colorado in proportion  
to the water delivered, the same as the Utah Water Users.

I suppose there are other things that should be dis-  
cussed however these are the main ones that come to mind  
at this time. I have discussed these in letters to Mr. Ralph  
Swann February 2, 1963. These letters along with a sketch  
of the Pat Creek Drainage, which I sent at the same time,  
might be helpful to you.

Very truly yours,

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